

Oak Hill
317 North Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

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Early Nineteenth Century
and Later

Oak Hill is a double house composed of two two-and-a-half story, three bay portions, now covered with shingles. Probably dating from the early nineteenth century, this frame structure was originally of the so-called "telescope" type; small wings, since moved, were situated at the east side of the present buildings. Once a simple farm house on the outskirts of Easton, the gable roofed structure is now used as apartments.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Oak Hill

AND/OR COMMON

Colonial Heights

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

317 North Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

— YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ralph D. Macpherson and Ralph D. Macpherson Jr. Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

320 Glebe Road

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

T-457

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		Two wings moved before 1919.

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large frame house stands on a triangular lot formed by the junction of North Washington Street and Glebe Road. It faces southeast. Once the grounds stretched to the junction of these streets; now the house is surrounded by small modern dwellings. The old name, Oak Hill, was given because the building stands on a rise of ground and is shaded by tall oak trees.

The structure now consists of two sections, each of which is frame, three bays wide and two stories plus an attic in height. Originally, the house consisted of four sections, the two two-and-a-half story portions plus two one-and-a-half story wings. Sometime before 1919 the two wings were moved nearly and are now used as private residences. Now a rented duplex, the sections were separated in 1940.

Most early woodwork and mantles of the western portion have been removed; pine floors have been covered with hardwood. The eastern portion has been more fortunate; there is a wall of raised and beveled paneling which appears to have been reassembled with a Federal type mantle added. There are at least three early six-panel doors with HL hinges remaining in use although they may not be in their original. A fragment of early chair rail and pine floors have also survived on the first floor.

The remaining two sections of the structure are covered with wooden shingles. Tall chimneys, covered with stucco rise at each end of the structure and between the two sections. The western chimney was rebuilt after a fire in the 1930's. Windows are situated one per bay on each floor on the front and rear of the building. Most original trim remains; it is beaded with a quarter round back band molding. Molded wooden sills project from the surface of the wall. Original sashes are six over six; however, most have been replaced with single or double Victorian sash. There are two small windows each gable end. In the west end they have four over two sashes; in the east end they have four lights. There are no dormers.

The two-story Colonial Revival porch on the western portion is a twentieth century addition. The weatherboarding was covered with shingles after 1919.

In both sections there is a central entrance. In the southeast portion a stair remains in its central, probably original position; the stair in the north west portion is modern.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Unknown, probably early nineteenth century BUILDER/ARCHITECT Rev. John Bowie

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house is pleasantly situated. Although it has been greatly altered it is still recognizable as an early vernacular building. Originally, the house was of the so-called "telescope" type with small wings situated to sides of the main portions of the dwelling. It is an arrangement commonly found on the Eastern Shore but more characteristic of a farm dwelling than a townhouse.

L27/F9 The Rev. John Bowie bought lot #11 of a tract called "Abraham's Lot" in 1796 for £ 40.. The land was a part of the inheritance of James Tilghman, late of Kent County, and was sold by his executors, James Jr., and William Tilghman. The tract contained 424½ square perches. The Rev. Bowie's son James bought the dwelling house and the 13 acres and 68 perches surrounding it from his father's estate in 1804 for \$3050.00. He immediately resold the property to Jacob Loockerman. Daniel Cowgill, Jr., bought the property in 1857 for \$1253.13 from Mary Elizabeth Emory who had inherited it from her father Jacob Loockerman. Mr. Cowgill sold it the following year for \$3600.00 to Henry M. Nicols and his wife Anna. They transferred the title to William Hayward Nicols. In 1865 Levin Campbell paid \$4000.00 for the 14 acres plus and the dwelling house. In 1884, it was sold out of the estate of Mr. Campbell for \$2775.00 to a Mr. Guy Plumb and his wife Kate who had lately moved to Talbot County from Indiana. In 1902 they sold the property to Mattie Bartlett. Mrs. Bartlett took out two mortgages for nearly the full purchase price of \$3500.00 and was finally able to get the Maryland and Delaware Real Estate Co. to take over the property in 1911. Nettie Corrigan owned the house and land in 1915. As a widow she sold it to Ralph MacPherson and his wife Anne who are the present owners. The area, with adjoining lots, is now subdivided as "Colonial Heights", as of 1961.

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L68/F359

L72/F133

L99/F278

L137/F479

L146/F326

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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